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Dear Dry Fork Permittee,

This letter will serve as our Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Dry Fork Allotment during the 2014 grazing season. The following items were discussed and agreed upon at our Annual Operating Meeting on April 10, 2014 with Glendon Lamb, Rex Wedig and Garry Brown and will guide our management of the allotment this year. Due to drought conditions, cattle will need to come off of the allotment if 50% utilization is reached before the scheduled off date.

Grazing Schedule

The scheduled dates below are to be used as guidelines. The amount of time spent in each unit will depend upon actual forage utilization and distribution patterns. It is the responsibility of the permittee to move cattle when allowable use standards are met. The dates proposed and the units scheduled are tentative and depend upon the availability of forage, water, and the effects of weather. We will follow the proposed schedule unless there is good reason to change. Please let us know in advance if you anticipate any variance from this schedule.

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Kind</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Nonuse</u>	<u>Season</u>
Doug Wootton	Cow/Calf	76	30	6/21-9/20
Richard Lamb	Cow/Calf	169	0	6/21-9/20
Rex C. & Teresa Wedig	Cow/Calf	75	0	6/21-9/20

Grazing Schedule

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Sequence</u>	<u>Dates of Use</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Allowable Use</u>
Mill Canyon	1 st	6/21-7/20	30	≤ 50% of key forage species ≥ 4" residual stubble height of graminoids along the greenline
Hen Lee Bench	2 nd	7/21-7/25	5	
Blanchett Park	3 rd	7/26-8/20	26	
Hen Lee Bench	4 th	8/21-8/26	6	
Mosby Canyon	5 th	8/27-9/20	25	
Red Belly	REST	REST	REST	

Proper Allowable Use

The maximum allowable forage use practices described in your permit will be implemented in each unit on the allotment. The grazed unit needs to be checked regularly by the permittee(s) to ensure that maximum allowable forage use levels are not exceeded. When the maximum allowable forage use levels are met, permittees are expected to move cattle into the next unit immediately. If the maximum allowable forage use occurs on the allotment before the scheduled



allotment off date, permittees will remove cattle from the allotment.

The primary determining factor for moving livestock from one unit to the other is utilization. It is the responsibility of the permittee to move cattle when allowable use standards are met. Allowable use will be monitored at key areas on the allotment. Key areas are those rangelands or riparian areas on the allotment most preferred by livestock and are typically grazed first and receive the most concentrated use. When allowable use is met in key areas, cattle will be moved to the next scheduled unit or removed from the allotment, if it is the last scheduled unit to be grazed.

Allowable use levels were determined in the Allotment Management Plan for the Dry Fork Allotment. Allowable use is 50% in upland forage areas in all units. A four to six inch stubble height of riparian forage species, such as sedges, will be left in all riparian areas (i.e., stream corridors and wet meadows) at the end of the grazing season. Utilization cages, ocular utilization examinations, or stubble height measurement may be used to determine forage use by livestock in key areas.

Fees

Please ensure that your Bill for Collection for the upcoming grazing season is paid by the due date. Turning out cattle before payments are received could result in suspension or cancellation of the grazing permit.

Range Improvement Maintenance and Construction

All allotment boundary fences, division fences, water developments, and other improvements of the first unit used will be repaired before livestock are allowed onto the allotment. All water developments, unit fences, and other improvements will be in good working order before cattle are permitted to enter the next scheduled unit in the rotation. We will be inspecting these fences and developments before livestock go on and also before they move into each unit. If these repairs are not done, you will not be allowed onto the allotment, or you may be required to come off the allotment early. Enclosed is a list of improvements and map with corresponding permittee assignments to those improvements.

Projects to be completed as discussed during the meeting are:

Lamb

1. Upper, Lower Trail Canyon (lookout canyon) water systems (reconstruction-help from FS)
2. Middle Mountain Seep (clean out pond, fix fence)
3. Complete cow spring trough and turn off (reconstruction-help from FS)
4. Henlee Bench Fence (make plan for reconstruction, clear trees, etc.)
5. Bills Park Trough (Reconstruct enclosure, remove trough-help from FS)

Wootton

6. Maintain Boundary Spring-water right proof due (fix overflow and pipe water 100 ft away from trough)
7. Maintain Fence from Bills Park Cattleguard north and east to FS boundary
8. Maintain Mosby Park Division Fence (clear trees and repair fence)
9. Maintain Lighting Spring (Chicken Spring on map) tire trough overflow-pipe 100 ft away

Wedig

10. Reynolds Bench Spring (maintain-Fix enclosure around spring, fix overflow and pipe water 100 ft away from trough)
11. Mosby Canyon Spring Trough1, 2, Pipeline
12. Warden Spring development (reconstruction- help from FS)

Weed Free Hay

Any hay or straw used in association with your grazing permit should be certified and tagged as noxious weed free as directed by Forest Service Order #04-00-097. Please make sure that any hay, straw or mulch used on the Forest complies with this order.

Records

Enclosed is a Grazing Use Record. Please use this form to keep track of your livestock movements into and out of pastures. Make sure that the information is correct and returned to our office **no later than October 30th**.

We look forward to working with you again this year, and appreciate your willingness to cooperate with us in the proper management of the Dry Fork Allotment. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Garry Brown at (435) 781-5168 or (435) 790-7030 cell.

Sincerely,

NICHOLAS T. SCHMELTER
District Ranger

Enclosure (2)
Grazing Use Record
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